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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General refers to decision 71/406, adopted by the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee (see A/71/590), at its 45th plenary meeting, on 10 November 2016, by which the Assembly appointed five members to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017 and postponed to a later date the appointment of one member to fill the remaining vacancy.

2. The Government of Gabon has nominated Baudelaire Ndong Ella to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2017.

3. In a communication dated 17 November 2016, the Secretariat was informed by the Chair of the Group of African States that the candidature of Mr. Ndong Ella had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Baudelaire Ndong Ella (Gabon)*

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Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations in New York (31 July 2015)

Mr. Baudelaire Ndong Ella is a career diplomat who has been employed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophonie of Gabon since 1996. He served as Research Officer in the Africa Directorate, then as Head of the Division for the United Nations from 1996 to 2005 and then as Ambassador, Deputy Director General for International Cooperation.

In July 2005, Mr. Ndong Ella was appointed First Counsellor at the Embassy of Gabon in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania and at the Permanent Mission of Gabon to the African Union, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Environment Programme. After serving as Chargé d'Affaires a.i. from 2007 to 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the African Union in July 2009. He served in that capacity until 16 February 2011, when he was appointed Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Gabonese Republic to the United Nations in Geneva and Vienna and other international organizations headquartered in Switzerland.

In discharging these international responsibilities, Mr. Ndong Ella was a member of the Gabonese delegation at many sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations between 1996 and 2004. He also headed the Gabonese delegation at many international conferences, including the Conferences of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa from 1996 to 1999, the Conferences of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction in The Hague from 1997 to 2004 and international conferences on corruption and money-laundering in Vienna and Seoul from 2000 to 2002.

Mr. Ndong Ella served as Chairperson of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union in August 2009 and as Chairperson of the Permanent Representatives' Committee of the African Union from February to July 2010.

In Geneva, Ambassador Ndong Ella served successfully in 2013 as Coordinator of the African Group on human rights issues. In 2014, he was elected President of the Human Rights Council for a one-year term.

He graduated from the University of Nantes, France, with a *diplôme de 3ème Cycle* (doctorate) in Fundamental Rights, with a concentration in Human Rights. He also holds a *diplôme post maîtrise* (graduate degree) from the National School of Administration and a *maîtrise* (master's degree) in Public Law from the Faculty of Law and Economics at Omar Bongo Ondimba University, Gabon.

Ambassador Baudelaire Ndong Ella was born on 9 May 1967 in Oyem, in the north of Gabon.

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* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.